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Jim:

By email dated May 9, 2017, EPA provided its partial comments to Anchor QEA on the Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report dated November 2016 which had been prepared by Anchor QEA including associated draft models (Geo-Neutral Point Source, Hydrodynamic, and Sediment Transport models). EPA's May 9 comments incorporated comments from NYSDEC, USFWS, NOAA, and the USACE, but did not incorporate comments from NYCDEP because EPA had not, at that time, completed its review of NYCDEP's comments. Thus, EPA provided partial comments on May 9 so that, in the interest of the RI/FS schedule, Anchor could initiate its review and response to those EPA comments on the draft RI Report (including the associated models) that were then being provided.

EPA has now completed its review of NYCDEP's comments on the Draft RI Report (including the associated models) that had been provided to EPA by NYCDEP on March 20, 2017, and is writing to provide to Anchor QEA the remainder of EPA's comments on the Draft RI Report (including the associated models). EPA reviewed NYCDEP's comments for their technical content, technical merit, and relationship to EPA's May 9, 2017 partial comments on the Draft RI Report (including the associated models). Based on its review, EPA identified the NYCDEP comments that EPA has concluded are to be incorporated into EPA's comments. Two files are attached identifying NYCDEP comments on the Draft RI Report and NYCDEP comments on the associated models that are so incorporated into EPA's comments. The comment numbers in the attached files refer to the comments numbers in NYCDEP's March 20, 2017, comments, which comments EPA previously provided to NCG on March 22, 2017 at the request of NCG.

Please note that due to the large volume of comments (more than 1,000) provided to EPA by NYCDEP, and in the interest of the RI/FS schedule, EPA did not edit the NYCDEP comments for tone or attitude, or to remove directive or judgmental language, although EPA does not agree

with or endorse those aspects of NYCDEP's comments. Rather, as indicated above, the comments were evaluated and incorporated based only on technical merit and content. EPA requests that Anchor focus its review and response on the technical aspects of the comments.

With the transmittal of the selected NYCDEP comments by this e-mail, EPA has agreed to a 90-day period, from today's date, for Anchor's response to EPA's complete comments on the Draft RI Report (including associated models). Thus, a complete review and response-comment matrix, addressing all EPA comments, including comments provided by EPA's email dated May 9, 2017 and by today's email, is due to be submitted by Anchor QEA to EPA not later than close of business on October 10, 2017.

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